

FRALEY FAMILY

Missionaries to New York City



Our Vision

To connect the people of New York City with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by planting churches in all five boroughs.

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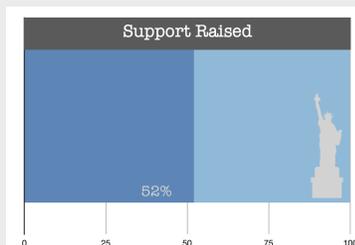
- New prayer and financial partners
- New connections across all of the New England region as well as on the west coast
- All of our existing support team members - individual and churches - who make our ministry possible

Prayer Requests

- God will continue to provide financial resources to move to NYC
- God will provide a home for us in NYC

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THANK YOU

The mission of Connect NYC is to connect the people of New York City to the gospel. **This mission is not possible without your partnership.** Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful giving to Connect NYC.

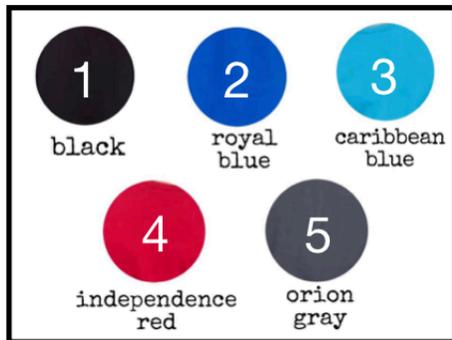
This past year has presented our family with a new set of challenges that we would not have been able to get through without your continued support as a member of our Prayer Team.

Tony went from one coast to the other twice this year with many stops in between. He took 46 meetings with churches, pastors and individuals presenting Connect NYC all over the country. God blessed all of this traveling as we have not had any setbacks or incidents on the road, and there were a few snow/ice storms that could have been detrimental to traveling. God listens to us when we pray, so we ask that you would continue to pray for safe travels throughout the year. Not only has God blessed our vehicle and safe roads, but He is blessing our time of support raising as well. That shouldn't be a surprise! We have added over 20 new Support Team members who have already begun their monthly financial contributions in 2019. We have also received verbal commitments for new Support Team members as well. Here's a big picture of what that means for Connect NYC as we wind down 2019: In January we began the year at less than 20% of our financial need. We are ending 2019 at over 50% of our need! God has used **you** to more than double our income! We realize that there is still a long stretch of road to travel until we are at our 100% mark, but we want to take the time to glorify God and thank Him for what He has done for us this year. We know that God has it all under control, and we accept that support raising is a matter of trusting Him to get us through this time of ministry.

Including all of the traveling Tony has done for Connect NYC, he has also kept up with all of his Navy Reserve requirements through scheduling time to go to his Reserve unit in Springfield, MO as well as going to Mayport, FL for two weeks to serve onboard LCS-7 USS Detroit. While in Florida, Tony was able to make some new connections through CrossFit JAX and a local church that several members of JAX attend. Tony was able to visit with one of our longest Support Team Members, Trent and Melanie. Tony also spent 2019 finishing out his Master of Divinity, which he completed on November 20, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. He is the first tell you that none of what has happened in 2019 would even be possible if it wasn't for the complete sovereignty and grace of God! Praise His name!

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

- Ephesians 3:20



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Family Updates

The month of October brought us Parent-Teacher conferences where we sat down with Jackson and Luna's teachers to find out how the kids are doing in school this year. Thank you all for your continued prayers for our children. God is also at work in their young lives. Jackson's reading has improved so much over the last year that he is reading at a 5th grade reading level now. He is also excelling in math. His teacher said that his initial 2nd grade testing places him at halfway through 3rd grade already. Luna's report was just as encouraging. Her teacher said that while Luna is quiet and shy, she enjoys participating in everything they do in the classroom and is always excited to learn new things. Putting the kids in school was a difficult decision for us after homeschooling for so many years, but God has (as usual) been so faithful through this process for us, and we are so thankful for your prayers and support as well.

We all pray and ask God to bless certain things and we ask Him for guidance when making decisions in life. He answers—all the time. I have heard it said that He gives us one of three answers: yes, no or not right now. When God says yes, we get excited about what is happening. When God led us out of the Navy to be missionaries we were excited about that because we knew without a doubt that is what He wanted us to do. When God says yes to us, it is easy to feel peace, isn't it? We have confidence because we know God is behind the yes. When He says not right now, we get a little antsy. We start to squirm a little bit. We go back to Him and continuing asking until we get a definitive answer. There is nothing wrong with doing that. In fact, Jesus teaches us that we should be consistent with our requests. (Luke 18) It doesn't bother me when God says not right now. And I love it when God says yes! But what about when God says no? What do we do when the answer is no to something we really want? I have found the hardest thing sometimes is accepting God's sovereignty when He says no to one of my requests—especially if it's something I really wanted.

I have wanted to apply to be an Officer in the Navy since childhood. The opportunity arose over the summer for me to do just that in a ministry capacity. I applied to be Chaplain in the Navy Reserve, and I am so thankful for all of the prayers and letters of recommendation that have been written on my behalf. Recently, the review board looked at my resume and I my application has been denied. Honestly, that hurt. Here is what Melissa and I have realized through this application process: just because we want something and we think that it will be a good thing, that doesn't mean that it is God's thing for us. In fact, we have accepted that God has closed that door because He has a better plan. God has something else in mind.

When God says no, I think it is completely appropriate to ask Him why (or why not, in this case). Here is what God pointed out to me when I asked, "Why can't I be a Chaplain?" Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." God saying no isn't a bad thing. It is not always the answer we want to hear and we don't always understand why, but we know that God's plan is always better and greater than anything we can think or imagine.

Happy Thanksgiving and may God bless each one of you,
Tony



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